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SUBJ ANTITRUST: URANIUM PRODUCER'S CARTEL

REF STATE 137875

1. FOLLOWING ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE EMBOFF INFORMALLY ADVISED EXTAFF (HAYNAL OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY DIV) OF DEPT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED URANIUM PRODUCER'S CARTEL, GIVING SUBSTANCE REFTEL INCLUDING REQUEST THAT CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS DEPT BE NOTIFIED.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH EXTAFF SUPERIORS HAYNAL ADVISED US THAT JUSTICE DEPT UNDERTAKING SEEMS "RATHER STRANGE". RECENTLY FORMED "URANIUM INSTITUTE" IS A PUBLIC BODY WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON. ITS MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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PRECLUDES PRICE AND QUOTA FIXING. (LOCAL PRESS REPORTS

CONFIRM THIS. SEE SEPTEL.)

3. EXTAFF REQUESTED ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS JUSTICE DEPT MAY HAVE ON ALLEGED CARTEL BEFORE ANY FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN. FURTHERMORE, EXTAFF WANTS COMMUNICATIONS THIS SUBJECT KEPT IN ORAL FORM FOR THE PRESENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF CANADIAN COMPANIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED BY JUSTICE DEPT DIRECTLY THAT THIS ACTION NOT BE TAKEN. UNDER NORMAL PRACTICE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD GO THROUGH GOC CHANNELS. (IN 1959 FULTON-ROGERS AGREEMENT GOC AND USG COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION ON ANTI-TRUST CASES.)

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY PROPOSES TO WITHHOLD ANY FORMAL, WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO GOC AS EXTAFF REQUESTED AT LEAST UNTIL MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE US ANTI-TRUST VIOLATIONS CAN BE PRESENTED.

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